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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel rejected claims 1-16, 21, 22 and 25.

Please amend claims 23 and 24, which were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, to overcome the objection as follows.

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
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16. (Cancelled)

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17. (Previously Amended) A system to propel an air powered boat comprising:

- a. means for propelling the air boat in any one of a forward, reverse and at least one neutral turning direction having an engine powering a propeller in a single rotational direction,

said engine is an internal combustion engine,

said means for propelling includes means for rotating the propeller about a transverse horizontal axis from a first position in which the propeller produces a thrust to move the boat forward through a second position in which the propeller produces a downward neutral thrust to a third position in which the propeller produces a thrust to move the boat in reverse;

- b. means for securing the means for propelling to the air powered boat; and
c. further comprising a fuel system with a fuel reservoir supported on the frame at an elevation above the internal combustion engine so that the fuel can be feed to the engine by gravity.

18. (Previously Amended) A system to propel an air powered boat comprising:

- a. means for propelling the air boat in any one of a forward, reverse and at least one neutral turning direction having an engine powering a propeller in a single rotational direction,

said engine is an internal combustion engine,

said means for propelling includes means for rotating the propeller about a transverse horizontal axis from a first position in which the

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propeller produces a thrust to move the boat forward through a second position in which the propeller produces a downward neutral thrust to a third position in which the propeller produces a thrust to move the boat in reverse;

- b. means for securing the means for propelling to the air powered boat; and
- c. further comprising a fuel system with a fuel reservoir supported on the frame at an elevation above the transverse horizontal axis so that the fuel can be feed to the engine by gravity.

19. (Original) The system to propel an air powered boat of claim 18, wherein the fuel system further comprises a flexible fuel line between the fuel reservoir and the engine.

20. (Original) The system to propel an air powered boat of claim 19, wherein the means for propelling includes means for rotating the engine with the propeller about the transverse horizontal axis and wherein the flexible fuel line is adapted for use as the engine is rotated about said transverse horizontal axis.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A [The] system to propel an air powered boat [of claim 1,]

comprising:

- a. means for propelling the air boat in any one of a forward, reverse and at least one neutral turning direction having an engine powering a propeller in a single rotational direction wherein the means for propelling includes means for rotating the propeller about a transverse horizontal axis from a first position in which the

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axis of the propeller is disposed horizontally to produce a thrust to move the boat forward through a position in which the propeller produces a neutral torque turning thrust to a third position in which the axis of the propeller is disposed horizontally to produce a thrust to move the boat in reverse ,

- i. wherein the means for propelling includes means for rotating the propeller about a transverse horizontal axis from a first position in which the propeller produces a thrust to move the boat forward to a second position in which the propeller produces a downward neutral thrust which turns the boat to the left to a third position in which the propeller produces a thrust to move the boat in reverse and to a fourth position in which the propeller produces a upward neutral thrust which turns the boat to the right; and;
- and

- b. means for securing the means for propelling to the air powered boat.

24. (Currently Amended) A [The] system to propel an air powered boat [of claim 2,]

comprising:

- a. means for propelling the air boat in every one of a forward, reverse and at least one neutral turning direction having an engine powering a propeller in a single rotational direction, wherein the means for propelling includes means for rotating the propeller about a transverse horizontal axis from a first position in which the axis of the propeller is disposed horizontally to produce a thrust to move the boat forward through a position in which the propeller produces a neutral torque turning thrust to a third position in

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which the axis of the propeller is disposed horizontally to produce a thrust to move the boat in reverse; and

b. means for securing the means for propelling to the air powered boat,

wherein the direction of thrust from the propeller can be rotated through a 360 degree arc as the propeller is rotated about the horizontal axis to propel the air powered boat in one of a forward direction, a neutral left turning direction, a reverse direction, and a neutral right turning direction.

25. (Cancelled)